



# BENELUX

## (Netherlands & Belgium)

### ECONOMIC NEWS

After stagnating in 2002, real GDP growth is set to recover slowly, dragged down by the lackluster performance of Germany and France. Rising unemployment is also of growing concern.

### TOURISM NEWS

The Benelux markets experienced dramatic declines in visitation during 2001 and although recovery has already begun, it will not likely reach 2000 levels until 2005.

**Benelux Travelers to the US**

